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G. O. P. BANQUET TUESDAY, OCT. 17

Big party event will be held in Hartford on the above date

GALAXY OF STARS ARE COMING

This will be the big political meeting of the campaign. Bloomingdale band to be there

The first banquet of the newly organized Van Buren County Republican club is to be held at Hartford on Tuesday evening, October 17th, with a galaxy of speakers present which will render the banquet the big event of the campaign from the G. O. P. standpoint.

First among the celebrities to accept a place at the speakers' table are Congressman Patrick H. Kelley and Congressman E. L. Hamilton of the Michigan delegation. Efforts are being made to secure Gov. Willys of Ohio, and at least one or two others of state or national prominence.

Roscoe W. Broughton of Paw Paw, president of the club, and also chairman of the Republican County committee, has the assurance of the State Central committee that some speaker from the list of the National committee will be secured. In the event that Gov. Willys is not available, Congressman George E. Foss, of Chicago, may come.

The banquet is to be tendered by some of the ladies of Hartford, and will be one of the rare feasts for which the ladies of that enterprising village are noted. A band concert before the banquet and an orchestra during the program will enliven the occasion. Tickets are selling at one dollar.

The festivities will start promptly at seven o'clock and, following the feast, a three hours' program of Republican eloquence and logic will be afforded the banqueters.

Republicans from over the entire county are being urged by the County committee to gather for the event and to make it the biggest county banquet that Van Buren's G. O. P. followers have ever staged. The Bloomingdale band of 22 pieces will be present to assist in making the event one of genuine merit and pleasure.

CALENDAR HAS 15 CRIMINAL

Circuit Court for Van Buren county will convene on Monday, October 23. There are 15 criminal cases set for trial at this term of court, 36 issues of fact, non jury, and 58 chancery cases. Thirty-nine of the chancery cases are bills for divorce. This is the largest number of criminal cases noticed on the calendar for some time, and unless some are settled out of court, this term of court will start in for a long session.

HARTFORD WOMAN KILLED SUNDAY

Mrs. Roll Clover victim of auto accident. Husband badly injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Roll Clover, of Hartford, were the victims of a frightful auto accident last Sunday night. Mrs. Clover was killed instantly and her husband sustained serious injuries which may prove fatal. It happened south of Hartford on what is known as "Cemetery Hill." Mr. Clover turned out on the hill to pass another car. The wheels struck soft sand, and the driver lost control of the car, causing it to run into the bank and turn completely over. Mrs. Clover was pinned beneath the machine and was alive when taken out. The injured couple were rushed to Hartford and medical aid summoned, but the injured woman died in a very short time. Mr. and Mrs. Clover were well known and prominent in the county. The accident came as a great shock to their friends.

Mrs. W. C. Wilsey spent Tuesday last in Dowagiac.

GRANGE OPPOSES THE HOME RULE

Pass resolutions urging every voter to vote No on measure.

The following resolutions were passed by the Van Buren County Convention of the Grange, held in Lawrence last week:

"WHEREAS, the voters of Michigan will be called upon to vote upon two amendments to the constitution at the November election, one of which will make the state the unit, and the other the city, village or township, therefore

"RESOLVED, by the delegates of the Van Buren County Convention of the Grange that we are always and everlastingly in favor of state-wide prohibition and opposed to the so-called Home Rule, which means rum rule and saloons in at least six townships in Van Buren county.

"RESOLVED, that until state-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic becomes an actual fact, we are unalterably opposed to any decrease in the unit of territory for local option below the county and call upon every member in our order and every lover of sobriety, good government and clean manhood to work earnestly and persistently from now on until the polls close on the evening of November 7, against this misleading and pernicious measure, and we urge every voter to vote NO on this so-called 'home rule' amendment, which is but another attempt to destroy what we have gained in the fight against the saloon."

TWO BIG AUCTION SALES NEXT WEEK

The True Northerner advertises two auction sales this week. The first one for G. C. Ferguson, on the Thos. Welch farm, one mile east and one mile south of Paw Paw, on Tuesday, October 17. The next for Fred H. Snow, three miles north of Paw Paw, on the "Old Swamp Farm," on Wednesday, October 18. Mr. Snow has sold his farm and will move to Kalamazoo. He has been in failing health for the past year, and finds it necessary to take a rest. Both of these auctions are big ones and undoubtedly will draw good crowds and lively bidding. B. J. Rix, the popular auctioneer, will have charge of both sales. Find quarter page ads. of these sales in this issue. Read both ads. in this issue carefully.

BLOOMINGDALE BAND TONIGHT

The people of Paw Paw and vicinity will be given a real treat this Friday evening. The Bloomingdale band is coming over to give a concert on the streets. They come gratis, simply to show their good will to Paw Paw, and let us know that they are "Good Fellows." This band is one of the best in the country. They are no strangers to Paw Paw, and every one in the village and surrounding country should plan to be out and give them a royal welcome. A concert by the Bloomingdale band is worth coming to hear. The boys' hearts are certainly in the right spot, and let's show them that we appreciate it. Don't forget, tonight on the streets of Paw Paw.

RETURNED FROM FINE OUTING

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Young have returned from a vacation spent at Houghton Lake in Roscommon county. They made the trip by auto, and report a delightful time. Muri was much benefited by the outing and looks healthy and rugged. Fishing in any of the Van Buren county lakes will now be mighty tame sport for him, after fighting with the big ones in the northern waters.

SISTER TOWN SEEMS DOOMED

It would seem as though our sister village of Lawton was doomed. It has been one fire right after another there for the past year or more. Last Sunday night about 12:00 o'clock fire was discovered in the row of wooden buildings on the west side of North Main street. The blaze consumed four buildings, and it was a hard fight for the fire department to save the adjoining stores.



CERTIFIED GRAPE QUESTION

The Michigan certified grapes which have been going to the trade from Paw Paw for the last two weeks, have attracted no little attention. The number of certified cars has not been large enough so that all the markets could be reached nor even large enough to reach all the carlot buyers in the nearby cities. However, the cars sold have been received without a kick, although the selling price has, in most cases, been higher than for the ordinary select grapes. In a number of cases repeat orders have been received for certified stock. Furthermore, the repeat orders are coming so fast now that they cannot be filled.

There have been just enough cars to prove that a higher price can be obtained for stock that is truly what it is represented to be, and is certified to by some neutral party who is not directly interested in making a sale. There are reasons for believing that as soon as the merits of certified grapes become better known there will be no difficulty in getting two cents more a basket for the approved fruit and perhaps three cents, and on occasions five cents.

The above represents the shippers' side of certified grapes. The grower is also interested, and in a financial

way, too. The state inspectors who have been looking into the packages of grapes that have been brought from the vineyard the past three weeks report that all kinds of grapes from bad to good have been packed in the eight-pound and four-quart baskets and have gone into the same cars, except where provision was made for certified stock. In such cases, the probabilities are that the fruit has been sold at a price that would be a fair average for all the grapes. The extra good grapes have made up for the very bad. The certified plan provides a means whereby the good grapes that are well packed are sold at an advance over the average stock. Such a proposition is simply the rendering of justice to the growers who take pride in putting up a good product.

The certified grape proposition is taking so well in the cities to which certified cars have been sold that the orders are arriving for the certified fruit faster than they can be filled and the price in each case is from one to two cents above that for select and fancy grapes. In Chicago on Tuesday of this week Paw Paw certified grapes were selling at 25 cents a basket wholesale, whereas New York select grapes were bringing but 23 cents.

MAJESTIC DRAWS RECORD CROWDS

Popular Kalamazoo Play House getting patronage it justly merits.

The Majestic theater in Kalamazoo is even more popular this season than ever before. The reason is obvious, the shows are the very best they have ever been. Take the bills that are now being shown, it is no wonder that the theater is crowded to capacity.

"The Luck of a Torem" is the title of the feature act which will be in the electric lights for Sunday and the first half of the coming week. This is a scenic operetta which will endure forever in the vaudeville hall of fame. The story is well told, and it is a good one interspersed with the most pleasing of musical numbers while the scenery, showing Alaska, "God's country," is said to be the most beautiful ever shown in a vaudeville house.

Quite the most laughable skit of the season is that which will be presented by Von Hampton and Shriner. This pair of comedians promise something different in the way of comedy to the Majestic patrons.

"All Wrong" is the title of the playlet in third position on this program. It was written by Mrs. Henry E. Dixey and it is presented by a very clever company. There are two other great acts on the bill.

Judge and Mrs. Anderson spent a part of last week in Chicago.

DEMOGRATS WILL TOUR THE COUNTY

Hon. Edwin F. Sweet is Headliner. Paw Paw High School Band furnish music.

The Democratic County committee held a meeting in Paw Paw on Tuesday, to make plans for the campaign. An automobile tour was arranged with Hon. Edwin F. Sweet, Democratic candidate for governor, as the headliner. The party will include Hon. Roy J. Wade, candidate for congress, and the Democratic candidates for county office. Tuesday, October 17, is the date and following is the schedule:

Gobleville	8:30 A. M.
Bloomingdale	9:15 A. M.
Glendale	10:00 A. M.
Paw Paw	10:30 A. M.
Lawton	11:30 A. M.
Decatur	1:00 P. M.
Lawrence	2:15 P. M.
Hartford	3:00 P. M.
Bangor	4:15 P. M.

Closing with a rally at Selkirk's opera house, South Haven, in the evening at 8:00 P. M.

The Paw Paw High School band will accompany the party and furnish music on the tour.

Have you seen the swell new pattern hats at Sanger & Gardner's? They are just what you have been looking for. Opposite Idle Hour Theater. (adv.)

KALAMAZOO PLANS BIG HUGHES RALLY

Presidential nominee with other Notables coming on October 18.

Kalamazoo is planning a great political rally for Wednesday, October 18. Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for president, will be the "Big Noise." The following day letter from the Hughes-Fairbanks club of Kalamazoo will explain the plan in detail:

"Every voter in Southwestern Michigan is invited to attend the big Hughes-Fairbanks rally which will be held in Kalamazoo October 18. The Republican nominee for president will make one of the most important addresses of his campaign. Besides Mr. Hughes there will be many other notables present. Invitations have been extended to Raymond Robins, who four years ago was one of the big Progressive leaders of the country, Patrick Kelley, congressman from this state, and Senator Charles E. Townsend. Senator Townsend will preside at the meeting. There will be band concerts with plenty of entertainment for the visitors. Kalamazoo is going to put forth an effort to make the Hughes Day one of the biggest things pulled off in the state. All the speaking will take place during the afternoon. The opportunity will be the best one that voters of Southwestern Michigan will have to hear the presidential candidate. The Kalamazoo meeting is the only one planned for this part of the state, and every voter regardless of politics, is urged to be present."

FALL FROM LOAD OF HAY FRACTURES LEG

Russ Gillespie suffered a painful accident last Monday evening that will lay him up for some time. He was on his way home with a load of marsh hay from south of town. The hay was slippery and the top of the load slipped off, taking Russ with it. He struck the ground in such manner as to fracture the knee cap of his left leg. It was after dark, and no one was near to offer assistance. He finally managed to crawl far enough to make himself heard, and was taken home. The nature of the injury was such that it was deemed advisable to take him to the hospital, and he was taken to Bronson, Kalamazoo, in H. L. McNeill's automobile. It is a most painful accident and it will be some time before he is able to be around again.

REMEMBERS OLD FRIENDS

The following message was received from M. V. Erkenbeck, 2270 Dale street, San Diego, California. Mr. Erkenbeck has many friends in Paw Paw who will be pleased to hear from him:

To one and all of my friends in and around Paw Paw:

I would be glad to see you all again. For over 50 years I have known Paw Paw and her people as friends. Perhaps many that have known me have passed away. This is my 78th birthday, and I am still in good health. Hoping to hear from some of you, I remain as ever your friend. So good bye to all.

M. V. ERKENBECK.
October 3, 1916.

FALL FROM BRONCO ENDS LIFE

George A. St. Clair was born in Ohio about 50 years ago, but had lived in Almena a large portion of his life until two years ago he moved to New Mexico on account of the health of his family. He died there on October 1st, as a result of being thrown from a broncho three weeks before, which paralyzed him from his shoulders down. He leaves a wife and nine children. He had been an active member of the Advent church about ten years.

The week of October 14 to 21 is "Pay-Up" week at W. J. Warner's store. This is a movement that is attracting attention everywhere, and should be a concerted effort on the part of all business men.

COUNTY FAIR IS GREAT SUCCESS

Record breaking attendance throughout the entire five days

ALL EXHIBITS WERE SPLENDID

Racing was of a high class. Free for All Pace was the big feature. Won in record time

The Van Buren County Fair at Hartford last week closed on Friday with a record attendance. It was the most successful fair in the history of the organization, and everybody is pleased. The weather was ideal throughout the week, which, of course, augmented the crowds. There were just 36,400 paid admissions for the week, and on Thursday there were a total of 2,104 automobiles parked within the grounds.

The exhibits of fruits, produce and the general line of stock were par excellence. Many complimentary remarks on these features were heard on every hand. The races, too, were a big feature. The interest in the races centered in the free-for-all pace on Thursday. Laura Lucile, a brown mare owned in Ligonier, Indiana, and driven by Harry Clemens, won the race. The time of the first mile was 2:09 1/2. The middle half of the first heat was paced in 1:03, a 2:06 clip, which is going some for a half mile track.

The auto races on Friday drew an immense crowd, but the auto racing on a half mile track is not very satisfactory, and it is doubtful if the auto races will again be a feature at the Van Buren county fair. They were pulled off, however, without accident and in very good time everything considered.

The fair as a whole was most satisfactory from a public as well as official standpoint. The corps of officials and everyone having to do with arrangements and the execution of the same are to be congratulated.

CO. PRESS TO MEET TODAY

The Van Buren County Press Association meets today at Lawton. The program includes an auto ride through the vineyards, dinner at the Hotel Giddings, and discussion of the various topics of interest to the craft. The question of the raise in price of subscription will be an important matter for consideration. The subscription rate must necessarily raise, and the only question to be decided is when it should take effect. A. N. Moulton, of Decatur, is president, and C. E. Lewis, of Lawton, secretary.

HOMER SMITH WON OPENING BATTLE

Homer Smith, Michigan heavy-weight, won his first battle of the present season in Philadelphia, Friday night. He defeated Larry Williams of that city in a fast six round bout. The Philadelphia North American, in commenting on the fight, says: "Smith surprised the fans by his speed and aggressiveness. He kept nicely ahead of Williams until the opening of the fifth round, when he sailed in to win by a good margin. He floored Williams in the fifth and had him all but out when the final gong rang."

Smith reports that he has plenty of fights ahead and a lot of money in sight. The season looks like a good one.

SUPERVISORS ARE IN SESSION

The Board of Supervisors have been in session this week. The first half of the week has been occupied with committee work, and the receiving of various reports. Several important matters were made a matter of special business for Thursday afternoon, too late for this issue. The important features of the meeting will receive proper mention in the next week's issue of this paper.

Sanger & Gardner's line of millinery is new and up to date. The line is complete and we can please you. Opposite Idle Hour Theater. (adv.)